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## Solitary Walk-6 <br> Fr. Dr. K.M. George <br> THE BROODING



In early December I happened to occupy a Capuchin monastic cell for a few days at Nadukani, Idukki district of Kerala. Just outside my window overlooking misty mountains and an evergreen valley, there was a large cage of pigeons and doves. On the third day, I spotted three little white eggs in the dark dip of a pot filled with chaff and hay. Very soon a dove, as you see in the picture, was brooding over the eggs.

Some of my friends from adjacent buildings came over to watch the brooding dove. In fact, we were a group of artists naming ourselves as "Company of Artists for Radiating Peace". There in the cage were birds that are legendary symbols of peace. Remember Noah's Ark, the peace pigeon and Picasso's celebrated Dove of Peace (1949) carrying an olive leaf. With easel and canvas, brush and paint, each one of us was also brooding over one's work of art yet to be born. We were struggling in labour pains, and we envied the deep meditative stillness of the brooding dove.

The word brooding is very evocative. There

is no form of creativity without some degree of brooding. It is characterised by various levels of absorption, focussing, rumination, introspection and withdrawal from the world's routine humdrum. There is an attendant anxiety too, as in the eyes of the bird, about possible threat to emerging life, about the uncertainty of future. But all fear and anxiety are overcome by the hope of a new life and the unwavering determination to wait and wait in silence and stillness.

Pregnancy and brooding are interlocked. Its period varies in humans, animals, birds, fish and plants, - about 9 months in humans to $18-22$ months in elephants. It is not only mammals but all forms of life that have a certain gestation period. Just imagine the process of budding, blossoming and fruition of any little plant.

It seems only modern human beings can render pregnancy banal by depriving it of its profound mystery and holiness. The moment of conception and the brooding period of gestation are made too mundane today. The banality of birth seems to be a major threat to life in our age.

The year-long and still continuing lockdown due to the Corona virus has been a time of deep distress and angst for humanity. Yet many have taken it as a period of gestation for a new order of life.

In the biblical account of Genesis, the Spirit of the Creator God is said to have been "brooding" over the waters of chaotic void and formlessness to bring about form, name and meaning for creation. Our patient rumination and deep-rooted brooding in this uncertain time will certainly bear some life-giving fruit. ©

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Thhere appears to be an imbalance between the utmost importance given to the concept and contents of the Kingdom of God in the preachings of John the Baptist, Jesus Christ Himself and early groups of followers of Christ, as recorded in the Bible, on one side, and the lack of such pre-eminence given for the kingdom of God in later and contemporary times in the Church, on the other side.

Believing in the concept of the kingdom is easier than living by its values. St. Paul had admonished that such dichotomy, between belief and actions, was not acceptable, but faith and performance by the Kingdom values ought to go hand in hand.

Love or charity is an unmistakable and prominent refrain in the good news preached and practised by Jesus. The Latin word is caritas - one of the three virtues St. Paul emphasized: faith, hope and charity or love, among which charity (love) is the most important. Without love, all words and deeds are empty of value. The meaning of the Latin word caritas, from which is derived the English word charity, is love, affection and compassion.

Around the time I came to CMC, Vellore, there was another youngster who joined the administrative system, at first as a stenographer and later as a management officer. When he came he was a Brahmin who, as a student, had some Christian classmates and friends. He felt worshipping God by recitals and rituals did not satisfy him and he felt that Christian worship was more meaningful. He was employed in

Government service and that brought him to Vellore. Having heard about the Christian Medical College, he felt that perhaps a job in CMC would give him a better understanding of the religion he was trying to understand by reading the Bible. He applied for a job in CMC, and was appointed in a clerk/stenographer post. In due course he was posted under two CMC surgeons, Paul Brand and Ernest Fritschi, English and Swiss, respectively. The two were treating leprosy patients with deformities of hands, with surgery - first in the world; foreign surgeons, working for leprosy patients - of all diseases, leprosy, the most feared and repulsive disease. That was unimaginable, incongruous. This young man asked Paul Brand and the answer he got was an unexpected lesson about the religion he was learning about. Later on he described that he found in these two doctors a way of life that he qualified as Christian.

He came to CMC with basic Christian faith and wanting to strengthen it, but he discovered a new facet, the Christian Life. That cemented his faith. The young man requested the local pastor of the church where the two surgeons went, to be baptised. The lesson here is his insight of two principles -faith and life.

Does not Christian faith symbolise the Church, and Christian life symbolise the kingdom of God? Does not the Pauline line of thinking that he kept rubbing in, also represent the two, faith and works, church and kingdom of God? Faith and hope represent the church and charity, love, compassion - attitude and actions derived from them, and probity in all
transactions - represent the kingdom. These are the values of the kingdom. We should not assume that faith will guarantee that we live by the kingdom values. The financial corruption in Christian Churches that we read about in newspapers tells us that even those who were taken in because of deep faith were still vulnerable to dishonesty when it comes to money matters. The Pharisees were no different. Faith does not automatically bear the fruit of the kingdom values by which the faithful ought to live.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. During the then contemporary times of the Ministry of Jesus and that of the Apostles and other early missionaries, Greek was the lingua franca in international affairs of trade and travel in the nations of the Middle East, North and East Africa, the Roman empire and the Indian subcontinent. On the Cross of Jesus, Pilate had the words "lesus Nazarenus Rex ludaeorum" written in three languages - Hebrew, Greek and Latin (John 9:19-22). Hebrew was the language of the Jews, Latin the language of the Romans and Greek the then widely used international language, like English is today.

Traders who came to India had to communicate with local kings and government officials and traders in Greek. The use of Greek in the time of St. Thomas in Malalankara was proven in Sri Zachariah Mani's book: Charition Greek Drama and the Christians of Kerala (2013).

All books in the New Testament were written by hand on parchment and copied by hand repeatedly. It was translated to English around 1611 - and is known as the King James Bible. In the New King James Version, subject sub-headings were introduced to help the reader follow the flow of ideas that the writer had sequenced.

A new English translation from Greek texts was made meticulously by J.B. Phillips in 1958. He followed the same style giving subheadings to introduce what came next. Accordingly, the subheading for Chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel is "Jesus proclaims the new values of the kingdom". Most of us are familiar with the subheading in the New King James Version as "Beatitudes" for the early verses of this section. Chapters 5, 6 and 7 are actually explicit exposition of the new values of the kingdom. 'Beatitude' is not a word in common language. Its root is the Latin word beatus, which means blessed. Bliss is closely related.

Phillips translated the first beatitude like this: How happy are the humble-minded, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs. The eighth beatitude goes like this: Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Chapter 5 begins with the subheading: Jesus proclaims the new values of the kingdom. The rest of the subheadings in chapters 5,6 and 7 are: Christ's authority surpasses that of the Law; The new life is not a matter of outward show; Forgiveness of fellow-man is essential; Put your trust in God alone; The common sense behind right behaviour; Living, not professing, is what matters; To follow Christ's teaching means the only real security.

I am intrigued by two questions to which I do not have answers, however much I meditate: Can one be a member of the church and yet not live in the kingdom of God? Can one be in the kingdom of God and yet be outside the mainstream churches?

My own answer to my meditation is: If this is about others, do not worry, do not judge, just accept them as your brethren.
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# Prima Donna and Programmatic Approaches in Scientific Research 


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## 3. Prima Donna Research Discovery of Chemotherapy

We have overcome bacterial infection and saved millions of lives. But there are modern scourges. The scourges that claim millions of lives in our time are Cancer and HIV-AIDS. Complete cures for these are not available at present, but treatments are available to keep them under check. Chemotherapy is the most effective treatment for cancer, and its discovery was a classic case of serendipity.

The first chemotherapy drug was discovered thanks to the tragedy at Bari, a city in the south eastern coast of Italy, during World War II. The allied forces following their victories in North Africa and Sicily planned the invasion of Italy. Allied tankers and munition ships converged at Bari. On December 2, 1943, Luftwaffe, the German Air Force, bombed Bari and destroyed it. The ships carrying thousands of tons of munition and aviation gasoline went up in flames.

In the midst of the maelstrom, the smell of garlic was noted by many. The smell of garlic is associated with mustard gas, the use of which was prohibited by the Geneva Protocol, 1925, outlawing gas warfare. But unknown to the public, one of the ships had been carrying 100 tons of mustard gas which was responsible for the curious smell.

Mustard gas was developed by Germans in 1917 as a diabolically efficient blistering
agent and systemic poison. When shells of mustard gas are fired, the oily brown liquid evaporates slowly, remaining effective from several hours to several days. The heavier than air vapour sinks into the trenches and lingers as a poison cloud. No mask provided protection against it. It burned through clothing, blistered the skin, destroyed vision and choked out life.

After the Bari air strike, more than a thousand men were rescued. 83 of them died before the month end. All of them showed signs of exposure to mustard gas. Lt. Col. Steward Alexander, a twenty nine year old medical officer trained in chemical warfare, then on the staff of Dwight D. Eisenhower's Allied Force Headquarters in Algeria, was despatched to Bari on December 7 to investigate.

In the past the mortality rate for persons affected by mustard gas was very low, 2.2 to $2.6 \%$. But at Bari, it was as high as $13 \%$. A conspicuous feature in all patients was the overwhelming destruction of white blood cells. This might have been due to the dilution of mustard gas in the oil-soaked surface of the water and its slow absorption over the ensuing hours (the oil-soaked dresses were not changed and the sailors were not cleaned due to lack of staff and facility) causing medical effects that had not been previously encountered.
!n his report dated June 20, 1944, Alexander emphasized " systemic effects were severe and of greater significance than has been associated with mustard burns in the past". Beginning on the 3rd or 4th day, there was a critical drop in one type of cell - the lymphocytes - after which the rest of the white blood cells disappeared.

In lymphomas and leukemias, there was an overproduction of white blood cells by the diseased bone marrow. Alexander's observations suggested at once the significance of mustard oil components for the possible treatment of cancers of the tissues that form white blood cells.

Realising the importance of Alexander's report, follow up studies were done at Yale. A mouse transplanted with lymphomas was tested with nitrogen mustards and showed excellent results. It was again a serendipitous breakthrough as it turned out that nitrogen mustards were not effective on certain types of leukaemia. The success of the very first mouse experiment was responsible for identifying it as a cancer chemotherapy agent. In 1949 Mustargen from Merck became the first chemotherapy agent approved by FDA. It is useful in Hodgkin's disease, other lymphomas and acute and lymphocytic leukemias.

There were two serendipitous occurrences in the discovery of chemotherapy:

1. The tragedy at Bari
2. Nitrogen mustards were first tested out on a mouse transplanted with lymphomas which gave excellent results (and not with one of the leukemias in which there was absolutely no therapeutic effect).

Not only this, but major breakthroughs in medicine came through serendipity and not through programmatic research.

## 4. Prima Donna Research other discoveries in medicine

Let us now consider some other interesting cases.

1. Laxative - Phenolphthalein

Phenolphthalein, a synthetic dye, became a cure for constipation, by accident. At the turn of the twentieth century in Hungary many vineyards had been destroyed by a pestilence, and viners ( vintners) turned to marketing artificial wine coloured by natural dyes. Phenolphthalein which had been used as an indicator of pH for more than 30 years turns purple red in colour in an alkaline solution. White wine pH is less than 4.0, i.e., it is acidic. Phenolphthalein turns red at pH value of 10 (alkaline) and doesn't change colour below 8 . So the Hungarian Government began using phenolphthalein as an additive to identify adulterated white wine and an epidemic of diarrhoea quickly broke out. This purgative action was a complete surprise and the chemical's use in wine industry was discontinued. But a laxative was discovered.
2. Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein (Nobel laureates, 1985) discovered the cholesterol metabolism through their study of the rare inherited disease known as hyper cholesterolemia and it led to the widespread use of Statins for the treatment of cholesterol.
3. In 1980, a Pennsylvania physician treating a bald man for high BP with the oral drug minoxidil noted new follicles growing on the patient's scalp. This led to the lotion Rogaine for hair growth. It sold for 96 million dollars in 2005.
4. The drug Eflornithine, which in 1979 was found useful in treating 'Sleeping Sickness' was later discovered to suppress the enzyme that causes facial hair to grow. It is now marketed as a cream, Vaniqa, for the removal of facial hair.
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| Dr. Leena Rachel Koshy |}

## COVID-19:OVERCOMING THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS



Fierce was the wild billow, Dark was the night; Oars laboured heavily, Foam glimmered white; Trembled the mariners, peril was nigh;
Then said the God of God, "Peace, it is I"
St. Anatolius of Constantinople

In the year 2020, each and every person all around the world felt his life tossed about by the waves of the Covid Pandemic. The fear of death, loss of livelihood and loneliness loomed over our lives, and as we step into 2021 we cannot but be thankful to God Almighty for keeping us safe and alive to do His Will.

I would like to share my experience as a doctor in the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am working in a tertiary care hospital in Oman as an anaesthesiologist and intensivist. When the first videos from Wuhan, China, hit the internet in December, 2019, I felt a sense of foreboding and tried to drive it away by reassuring myself that it wouldn't be a reality for us. The sufferings of Wuhan and the challenges before the Wuhan health care workers were alarming. By February, 2020, we saw images from Italy and we knew we had no choice but to be prepared for the inevitable. Meanwhile medical journals shared articles about the nature of the disease, the preventive aspects and the treatment options. Talks especially by Italian doctors
who were facing the full blow of the disease were at the same time disheartening and inspiring. The work pattern of the Department of Anaesthesia and Critical Care in our hospital was rescheduled. By the end of February, 2020, we had our first Covid patient!

When I went to hospital for my first day of duty in the COVID I.C.U., I was equipped with the best of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and all the information I could gather about the disease through inputs from around the world. But the most important source of courage was the prayers of the family, and friends all around the world. I echo the words of the Psalmist: "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust. Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence."

The past year has given me the experience unlike any others. When working in the COVID I.C.U. we have to wear an N95 mask, a cover-all which leaves only the face and hands free, goggles and gloves. It is difficult to carry out simple tasks when wearing all these and we are expected to perform highly skilled procedures. We have to wear it for long hours, often the vision getting blurred with the fogging of the goggles, getting dehydrated with the sweating and having difficulty to breathe at times. It is nothing compared to the
suffering of the patients struggling with the disease that ravages their body, affecting each and every organ.

It is a lonely journey for a COVID-19 patient. The moment a patient is tested positive he is separated from his loved ones. Worries about the family add to his anxiety. Each and every word from the caregiver helps a long way in the recovery of the patient. We encouraged the patients to talk to their relatives whenever their illness allowed them to, and for the more sick we served as bridges. The relatives would be anxiously waiting for our phone calls once a day to hear how their loved ones were doing. About the patients who needed ventilatory support, week after week, we were not able to give reassuring phone calls. However difficult it is to make these phone calls, it makes us more emotionally connected to the work we are doing.

It is team work in the I.C.U. The doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and the cleaning staff all go hand in hand. The nurses are the heart of the unit, and their compassion and courage are a constant source of inspiration to everyone else.

The most frustrating part of the COVID challenge is that even after one year no definitive treatment is available. The simple steps of "Stay home, stay safe, social distancing, wearing mask and hand washing" still remain the only effective methods to fight Corona. All over the world patients are getting mostly supportive treatment and the recovery of some patients takes as long as 2-3 months. We also face the loss of patients and it only makes us more determined in our fight against this deadly virus. It is indeed a great achievement for the scientists that
the vaccines have come out in a year. Even though it is not fully protective we are a step closer to victory.

Lastly, I would like to share how it affected us as a family. Both my husband and I had to work in the COVID I.C.U. at the peak of the cases. We were worried about our children and of getting the disease ourselves. Our children rose to the occasion, taking care of themselves. All the children world over are getting educated at home and they are missing their schools. But I feel we should make use of the opportunity to teach them essential cooking, doing chores and pursuing hobbies. We get to spend more time together as a family and we can use the time to bond with the kids. People abroad are not able to visit their families at will, but we can stay connected by internet calls, pray for each other and strengthen each other.

The song that I quoted in the beginning was one I sang in the UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE Choir in the year 1991, trained by T. B. Thomas sir and P. I. John sir . . . . . . And in the year 2020 it brought me great peace and calm as did other songs and lessons I learned at my home town, Aluva.

The whole of mankind facing the COVID-19 threat should be a unified force and we will surely win this fight. We can offer our prayers and sing:
Jesus, Deliverer, come thou to me;
Soothe thou my voyaging over life's sea;
Thou, when the storm of death roars, sweeping by,
Whisper, O Truth of Truth, "Peace, it is I".

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## Thoughts Afloat <br> O.C. Cherian Ooramvelil

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The epidemic Covid has reached the nooks and corners of the globe. Having originated in Wuhan, China, it started spreading to the neighbouring countries, and then crossed the oceans to the neighbouring continents, and finally gripped the entire world. No one was spared, no cities, avenues or villages, and all of us were confined and cocooned within our shelters. Still the panic has not subsided.

Within the family, we started to 'see' and 'know' each other, eat and live together, and even started sharing our concerns. We learned to live in all sorts of limitations, for there were no other alternatives. So we have been and are together for almost one year now.

This reminds me of the giant Sequoia trees, the tallest of the red wood trees, found in N . America. These trees have a life span of hundreds of years, in spite of the fact that their roots do not go very deep and they do not have tap roots to anchor them. Their root systems are interconnected and intertwined almost on the surface of the earth; they stand and stay together as they are strongly 'united' at the base. Thus these trees symbolise wisdom, longevity, safety, and most of all, unity.

During the late 80 's, there was a small vineyard at the back of our house. For years there was no yield in it. One weekend an elderly family member visited our house. He noticed our vineyard and enquired about the age and yield of the plants. The next morning he took a pair of garden shears and started pruning the vines. It looked so nice, once his work was over, but to my surprise almost half
of the plants were chopped! He explained to me how essential pruning was for these plants. He told me how cutting off the unwanted nonyielding branches would result in the sprouting of new branches which give a rich yield of fruits.

Next year, we had a good harvest of grapes. We enjoyed eating them, and made enough wine for ourselves, and to share with our neighbours and relatives.

In our lives, we too carry many unwanted 'branches' - in a way, burdens, like anger, arrogance, pride, ego, jealousy, greed, impatience, grudge and lack of empathy.

The pandemic Covid is having an impact on our lives, directly or indirectly. For example, these days we have a lot of leisure time. In our solitude let us find out the non-productive, evil 'branches' in us, cut and cast them off, so that our lives will yield rich fruits of love, empathy, patience, loyalty, helpfulness, forgiveness, obedience, kindness, respect, perseverance, self-control, gratitude and humility.

We have seen big branches of trees bending down under the weight of their own fruits. Similarly, when we imbibe the virtues of life, we too will be made humble.

As the entangled roots of the mighty Sequoia trees hold them firmly for hundreds of years, mutual bonds of love, respect and concern among us will make us strong enough to weather the storms of life - even the dreaded Covid, and will bring peace and harmony in our families, societies, and the wide world we live in.

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Obedience is usually equated to a servile attitude in general, and therefore is opposed to a questioning nature. It bears a relationship to intelligence. A sharp mind has the tendency to raise questions; it is reluctant to accept everything that is offered, as it comes; a dull mind, on the other hand, exhibits a readiness, a willingness, to accept whatever comes its way. This is the reason why obedience becomes an unwelcome proposition to most people.

In most cases, there are two main factors which inhibit obedience; one is a vicious kind of pride, and the other is a fear of the inconvenience and the discomfort, or even the suffering, that obedience may entail. Fighting these should be the most natural and the most effective way to nurture obedience. But why should we nurture obedience? Is it necessary? Is it beneficial? Well, it could be, for the simple reason that most of what requires your obedience may come to you as well-meaning suggestions or stipulations, and therefore, is likely to benefit you, at least in the long run.

Sometimes there are occasions which demand that you undergo a sacrifice so that some others enjoy an improvement in matters concerning them and their existence. This is when obedience becomes most difficult: to come to terms with the reality that you suffer a loss while another person makes a gain!

During Lent, and especially during the Holy Week of Christ's passion culminating in His death on the cross, we should be able to meditate upon the unfathomable depth of Christ's sacrifice and sufferings for our sake - His willing submission to His Father's directives, His perfect obedience to everything that His Father willed for Him. He took all our sins upon Himself so that we could be saved from our sins and restored to our former state of communion with our Heavenly Father - a state which we had lost because of our sins. What a sacrifice! If we fail to see the depth of it, the Passion Week will have no significance for us, and Easter may not dawn for us as a day of rejoicing.

Obedience, by its definition, is costly; it has no meaning otherwise. The question for us to face is: Are we willing to bear the cost? Or, would we like to turn the other way? Perhaps we would, because that is the more tempting option. Are we going to succumb to it; or are we ready to put up a fight? Unless we are far-sighted enough to overlook what lies immediately before us, to look beyond it towards what lies ahead, obedience will remain out of bounds for us. Unless there is something from 'beyond' beckoning us, we may not be enabled to reach out to obedience at all. If the Lent and the Passion Week do not give us a clearer vision of 'the beyond', our observance of these may not benefit us in any way! Obedience is indeed a difficult proposition, isn't it?



## KINGDOM COME



The sounds of "Hosanna" reminded me of our Lord Jesus Christ making his royal journey to the Jerusalem Temple, and I felt like responding: "Thy Kingdom Come!" We see this phrase in the Lord's Prayer which is an integral part of our daily prayers, mainly because it was taught by the Lord himself. (Matthew 6:9-13).

Every verse in this prayer is capable of giving us food for thought; but we recite it more as a ritual than as a meditation. We just complete it and remain complacent, believing that it is enough to connect us to God. Very often this could be our only relation with God, on many of our busy days.

As the tempo of the elections to the Legislative Assembly was gaining meomentum and most of the candidates were dreaming of their 'kingdom to come', my focus fell on the verse "Thy Kingdom Come". Going further we read, "Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven". So the Kingdom of God is the place or situation where the Will of God prevails. And, what is the 'Will of God'?

As Jesus put it, the Will of God is "to Love." God loved man to the extent of offering His only begotten Son to redeem him. And, the biggest commandment is "Love God... Love your fellow beings".

The Lord's Prayer continues: "Give us this day our daily bread; and, forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors." The first part is a call to control our greed of all sorts and to ensure contentment; and, the second part is to bring reconciliation between 'man and God' as well as 'man and man'. I believe that this is essential to bring in the Kingdom of God.

Here my thought process paused. Will the Kingdom of God come? Can we submit to the Will of God? Can we forgo or overcome our selfishness? Can we unconditionally forgive our debtors? I am not venturing to answer these questions but drifting to see why the Kingdom of God appears distant! It may be because we ourselves postpone it to the future or align it with the life after death, so that it will not affect our current life style and interests! Perhaps our role model is the 'criminal' crucified on the right side, as he got into Paradise, as a wild card entry!

Are we keeping God's Will at bay, so that our will, will prevail? Is it that we want God to be satisfied with the periodical offerings that we make? In return, we want blessings in the form of material wealth and honour... (My kingdom!) We want God to be a good Manager or Minister but not the King... as we ourselves long to be the king! ("Customer is King!!!")

Where even Christian Churches fail to be the 'Kingdom of God', in spite of chanting the Lord's Prayer throughout the day, throughout the world... how can we expect our prayers for the 'Kingdom' to be fulfilled? There is a way... to invoke the Kingdom of God... right here... not after death... if one can see Jesus in us... just as the Lord said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father!" (John 14:9) In fact, many people have dedicated their lives to make the Kingdom of God a reality. Listen, "The King is waiting outside your door; Open the door and allow the King to enter." (Psalm 24:7)... Let His Kingdom be established within you.
WISH YOU ALLTHE BLESSINGS OFTHERISENCHRIST...

By Ramarajya, I do not mean Hindu Raj; I mean Divine Raj, the Kingdom of God. For me Rama and Rahim are one and the same Deity. I acknowledge no other God, but the one God of Truth and Righteousness.
-Mahatma Gandhi


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